

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY**

Meeting Date: April 20, 21, 2005

Division: Public Works

Bulk Item: Yes X No     

Department: Facilities Maintenance *J.R.*

Staff Contact Person: John King

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**AGENDA ITEM WORDING:** Approval to make enhancements at the African Memorial Burial Site at Higgs Beach.

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**ITEM BACKGROUND:** City of Key West Commissioner Carmen Turner and Corey Malcom, Director of Archaeology from the Mel Fisher Maritime Heritage Society, in conjunction with the Monroe County Division of Public Works, would like to install a 61' by 25' concrete slab at the African Burial Site in an area currently established by a temporary fence that is in disrepair. In the future there are conceptual plans to place mosaics, plaques, and possibly statues on the slab to honor the site.

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**PREVIOUS RELEVANT BOCC ACTION:** On October 18, 2000, the BOCC approved a Florida Historical Marker Application for Old Island Restoration Foundation, Inc. to erect an African Slave Burial Ground marker at Higgs Beach across from the West Martello Tower.

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**CONTRACT/AGREEMENT CHANGES:** N/A

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**STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:** Approval as stated above.

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**TOTAL COST:** To be determined

**BUDGETED:** Yes      No X

**COST TO COUNTY:** To be determined

**SOURCE OF FUNDS:**                                     

**REVENUE PRODUCING:** Yes      No X **AMOUNT PER MONTH**      **Year**     

**APPROVED BY:** County Atty      OMB/Purchasing      Risk Management     

**DIVISION DIRECTOR APPROVAL:**                                     

*Beth Lebo for*  
Dent Pierce

**DOCUMENTATION:** Included      Not Required X

**DISPOSITION:**                                     

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